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SUBJECT: BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: (A) STATE 186923, (B) THE HAGUE 3972, (C) THE HAGUE 4088

1. CHARGE TOOK UP WITH MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN
POSSIBILITY OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION. HE
RESPONDED THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN OFFICIAL
POSITION AND COULD NOT NOW DO SO. HE CITED AS AMONG
REASONS LACK OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND
SUMMIT ACTION, ITS PRECISE MEANING AND LEGAL
MISGIVINGS CONCERNING RELATIONSHIP OF DECLARATION TO
EXISTING BINDING BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENTS. DUTCH
WERE ALSO SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL ABOUT EFFECT OF THREATS
OF WITHHOLDING AIRSERVICE FROM COUNTRIES WHICH
REFUSED TO ACT RESPONSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH HIJACKINGS.
AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, DUTCH WERE CONCERNED ABOUT
IMPACT OF BONN DECLARATION ON EFFORTS OF CONTACT GROUP.

2. DUTCH HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY FRG OF BONN MEETING OF EXPERTS ON AUGUST 1 AND 2. THEY ANTICIPATE THAT MEETING MAY PRODUCE NEEDED CLARIFICATIONS, AFTER CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH DUTCH WILL PRESUMABLY BE ABLE TO DECIDE WHAT POSITION THEY SHOULD TAKE.

3. RUTTEN REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT DUTCH WERE AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND BACKGROUND OF SUMMIT ACTION AND CLEAR IMPRESSION EMERGED FROM HIS PERSONAL COMMENTS THAT DUTCH ONCE AGAIN FEAR THEY MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT

OUT OF DISCUSSIONS OF DIRECT IMPORTANCE TO THEM.

4. ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION DEPT CAN SUPPLY WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EMBASSY IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS HERE. PERHAPS FRG MAY ALSO GIVE ITS EC-9 COLLEAGUES APPROPRIATE CLARIFICATION. WE BELIEVE DUTCH WANT TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE IN THEIR RESPONSE. BROWN

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